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HUNTER VALLEY TRAIL #1992 **HUNTER CREEK TRAIL #2194**

Length: 1.5 miles to 10th Mtn. Bridge (2.4 km);
4 miles to Van Horn Park (6.4 km)

Difficulty: Moderate

Trail Use: Heavy

Beginning Elevation: 7,900 feet (2408 m)

Highest Elevation: 10,600 feet (3231 m)

USGS Map(s): Aspen, Thimble Rock

ATTRACTIONS/CONSIDERATIONS: This is a moderate trail with good views of the Elk Mountain Range and the town of Aspen. The first 3 miles of the trail are HEAVILY used by snowshoers, skiers and their dogs.

ACCESS: Drive north on Mill Street, bear left onto Red Mountain Road and follow for 1.1 miles to Hunter Creek Road. Turn Right onto Hunter Creek Road and follow for 0.3 miles to a blue sign for Hunter Creek parking, just before the stone pillars. Turn left following the signs to the parking lot.

NARRATIVE: From the parking lot, the trail ascends steeply, parallels a ditch and then crosses the road. Follow the trail where you will cross Hunter Creek via the Benedict Bridge. The trail ascends steeply until reaching the Forest Service boundary and the Hunter Valley meadow. Cross Hunter Creek at the 10th Mountain Bridge and head right 1/8 mile to the Hunter Creek Trail sign on the left. The trail ascends steeply and meets again with the 4WD road. Follow the road toward Van Horn Park staying right on the single track (the 4WD road goes to the McNamara Hut). The single track continues for less than a mile overlooking Hunter Valley before meeting again with the 4WD road in Van Horn Park.

ETHICS/REGULATIONS: Before you go out check into available routes, their condition, ownership of land, posted area, regulations that apply and the following rules:

- * **Respect private property.** Ask permission before entering.
- * **Be considerate** of other winter back-country travelers. Remember we're all out to enjoy the outdoors.
- * **Avoid disturbing wild animals** by staying out of elk and deer wintering areas. Detour if you spot wildlife.
- * **Wilderness Areas and Primitive areas are closed to motorized recreational vehicles.** Inquire at a local Forest Service office if in doubt. Obey all signs.
- * **BEWARE OF AVALANCHES!** Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avoid mountainous terrain after heavy snowfalls or prolonged periods of high wind. Stay on the windblown side of ridges. Avoid crossing steep hillsides and entering narrow, steep canyons.
- * Remember to notify a responsible person of your travel plans.

PACK IT IN—PACK IT OUT!! LEAVE NO TRACE!!

This map is intended for use as a general guide only, not for actual land navigation. The White River National Forest suggests purchasing a topographical trail map prior to your cross-country/snowshoe trip.